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BD JUN 1968
In reply to letter, pls
Number 05914 Name SNEYD R.G.
H. M. PRISON,
JEBB AVENUE,
BRITTON,
LONDON, S.W.2.

EXHIBIT
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10-74-761

DEAR SIR;
WOULD YOU PLEASE FORWARD
THIS LETTER TO MR. HANES.
HANES, I DON'T KNOW HIS
ADDRESS. HE WAS MAYOR IN
THE EARLY 1960s. THANKS

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DEAR MR. HANES,
I AM WRITING THIS LETTER FROM
LONDON ENGLAND.
I AM BEING HELD HERE ON A CHARGE
OF PASSPORT FRAUD, ALSO I THINK FOR
TENN IN THE MARTIN KING CASE.
I WILL PROBABLY BE RETURNED TO
THE U.S. ABOUT JUNE 17. AND WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER
APPEARING IN MY BEHALF SO FAR (THREE
DAYS) I HAVE ONLY BEEN PERMITTED
TO TALK TO POLICE AND ALSO HAVE NOT
SEEN ANY PAPERS EXCEPT A WARNING
TODAY, BY ACCIDENT, STATING, I HAD GIVEN
AN INTERVIEW TO A MR. VINSON WHICH
IS FALSE. MOST OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE
BEEN WRITTEN IN THE PAPERS ABOUT
ME I CAN ONLY DESCRIBE AS SILLY.
NATURALLY I WOULD WANT YOU TO
INVESTIGATE THIS UNSENSE BEFORE
COMMITTING YOURSELF, FOR THESE REASONS
AND OTHERS WHICH I WONT GO INTO I
THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE
AN ATTORNEY UPON ARRIVAL IN
TENN. OR I WILL BE CONVICTED OF
WHAT EVER CHARGE THEY FILE ON ME
BEFORE I ARRIVE THERE.

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H. M. PRISON
JEBB AVENUE
BRITTON
LONDON, S.W.2.
BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
UNITED STATES AMERICA
POSTED
7 JUN
1968
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AN ENGLISH ATTORNEY CAME TO SEE
ME TODAY AN SAID HE WOULD ALSO
WRITE TO YOU. I DON'T KNOW YOUR
ADDRESS IS WHY I AM SENDING
THIS LETTER TO THE BAR ASSO.
THE REASON I WROTE YOU IS I READ
ONCE WHERE YOU HANDED A CASE
SIMILAR TO WHAT I THINK MAY BE
FILED ON ME. ALSO WHAT EVER THE
PAPERS MIGHT SAY, I DONT INTEND
TO GIVE ANY INTERVIEWS UNTIL I
HAVE CONSULTED WITH AN ATTORNEY.
IN THE EVENT YOU CANNOT PRACTICE
IN MEMPHIS WOULD YOU CONTACT AN
ATTORNEY THERE WHO WOULD?

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Sincerely
R. G. SNEYD
P.S. AMONG THE MANY NAMES
THEY HAVE ME BOOKED UNDER
THIS AND SO IF YOU SHOULD
CORRESPOND USE THIS ONE, ADDRESS
ON ENVELOPE.

MLK EXHIBIT F-94—(Continued)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 24 1968

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI BIRMGHAM

654PM URGENT 7-24-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN.

COPIES MADE DATE 5/4/78 BY
RECEIVED RE M.L. King Jr.
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

REBUREAU TEL CALL INSTANT DATE AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO
DIRECTOR JULY TWENTYTWO LAST, CAPTIONED "BUKA, INC., KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN."

REAIRTEL REPORTED INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BH FOUR ONE EIGHT
DASH R RE MEETING BETWEEN ARTHUR HANES, ATTORNEY, AND ROBERT
SHELTON. SOURCE STATED SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED UNKNOWN EXCEPT
"LIVERNE SITUATION" MENTIONED BY SHELTON. SA DAN STEPHENS,
MONTGOMERY RA, ADVISED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRESENTLY SEEKING
INJUNCTION USDC, MDA, AGAINST CERTAIN KLANSMEN, LIVERNE, ALABAMA,
CONCERNING INTERFERENCE SCHOOL INTEGRATION, CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALA.
STEPHENS ADVISED COURT RECORD DOES NOT INDICATE AS YET ATTORNEY OF
RECORD, BUT CLERK OF OPINION KLANSMEN TO BE REPRESENTED BY MR.
TRUMAN HOBBS, ATTORNEY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

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8/19/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 MURKIN

On 8/19/68 ^{FOIA(b)(7) - (D)} advised that while in attendance at a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) at Ridgely, Tenn., on 8/17/68 he met and spoke with ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Source stated that SHELTON took him aside and questioned him regarding the men in the Memphis area within the Klan that he could trust and also whether or not members of the Klan within Tennessee would be amenable to donating money for RAY.

SHELTON told source that he was approached by ARTHUR HANES, lawyer for RAY, and allegedly told SHELTON that RAY had no money. Source stated that SHELTON told him he was coming to Memphis in the near future, time not specified, to look at a jury list that would be given him by HANES. Source advised that SHELTON asked source to look over this list with him when he comes to Memphis.

SHELTON stated he would contact source to give him further details "in the near future."

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Memphis, Tennessee
August 29, 1968

Re: JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

During August, 1968, a confidential source advised that during that same month Robert M. Shelton, described by the source as being the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had stated that he had been approached by Arthur Hanes, the attorney for James Earl Ray, who told Shelton that Ray had no money. Shelton wondered if Klan members in Tennessee would be agreeable to donating money for Ray's defense, and Shelton stated that he intended to look over a jury list that was to be furnished him by Mr. Hanes.

(A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is set forth in the Appendix section.)

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